Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 3**

**Stories Poems Drama**

1) India’s Heroes 1) Stopping by woods Merchant

Of

2) The Last Leaf 2) The Professor Venice (Act III)

**Std X Set C**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

Attempt ***any five*** out of the six questions

**Q1) “Past all expressing. It is very meet that Lord Bassanio....”**

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? What is past all expressing? 2
2. How should the behaviour of Bassanio be, according to the speaker? Why? 3
3. Explain the wager comparison about Portia expressed by the speaker? 3

**Q2) “Madam you have bereft me of all words, only my blood speaks to you…”**

1. Why does the speaker say he does not have any words? 2
2. How is his confusion described by the speaker? 3
3. What assurance does the speaker give at the end of this speech? 3

**Q3) ‘He gives his harness bells a shake’**

1. Who is mentioned here? Why does he shake his bells? 3
2. What does the poet remind himself at the end of the poem? 3
3. Which poetic device does the poem end with? Explain. 2

**Q4) ‘Remember me? I am Professor Sheth’**

1. How many children does the professor have? How many grandchildren does he boast of? 2
2. Who is called the black sheep of the family? Why? 3
3. What are these the days of according to the professor? What is his take on it? 3

**Q5) “Wonderful!” Mrs Baruah said. “Remember it does not have to be a profession.”**

1. Why was Mrs Baruah so chirpy that morning? 2
2. Who were the first three speakers in the class? 3
3. What was Kabir’s condition when he got up to speak? Why? 3

**Q6) Was Johnsy completely whimsical. Would you attribute the death of Behrman to her stupidity? 8**